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MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Group: 2818
Examiner: T. NGUYEN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & §1.98

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In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are attaching hereto, in a form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, a listing of all the art documents of record (cited by the Examiner/submitted by applicants) in the chain of continuing applications (as listed on page 1 of the Specification), pursuant to the duty of disclosure/candor requirements.

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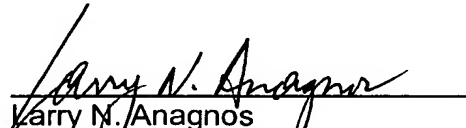
prosecution history, the earlier submission of an English language translation, and the citation by the Examiner in the prior application(s).

It is understood that since copies of the listed documents should be available in the file wrapper of the prior application(s), copies thereof are not included herewith, consistent with 37 CFR §1.98(d) and pursuant to the guidelines set forth in MPEP §609.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of entry as well as of formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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